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ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, March 9:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo, week ended March 7.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Mar. 5	Pannonia	New York			
5	Sannio	do	269	30	420
6	Regina d'Italia	do	211	25	380
7	Cedric	do	345	50	450
	Total		825	105	1,250

PALERMO.

Mar. 6	Sannio	New York	120	168	90
7	Regina d'Italia	do	98	127	70
	Total		218	295	160

Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Mar. 5	Pannonia						
5	Sannio	11		6		1	18
6	Regina d'Italia	10	1	9			20
7	Cedric	5	2	5		1	13
	Total	26	3	20		2	51

PALERMO.

Mar. 6	Sannio	8		3			11
7	Regina d'Italia	3		4		1	8
	Total	11		7		1	19

Smallpox.—Week ended March 12. Cases: Gerace Superiore 4, Rizziconi 13, Anoioa 1, San Giorgio 1, Canolo 1, Cittanova (Reggio Calabria) 1, Tortoli (Cagliari) 4.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox—Summary of smallpox epidemic in Japan.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, March 4:

Bills of health were issued during the week ended February 29 to 5 steamships inspected at this port, bound for ports in America

(2) and Manila (3). These vessels had an aggregate personnel of 61 saloon passengers, 256 steerage passengers, and 522 members of crews.

During the week 335 passengers and members of crews were bathed and 1,099 pieces of their baggage and effects were disinfected.

During the month of February, 464 intending steerage passengers for Hawaii and American ports on the mainland and 4 for Manila were inspected with reference to their freedom from diseases contemplated in the United States immigration laws, and of these, 4 were passed for Manila and 318 for Hawaii and United States ports.

Smallpox still persists here. Fifty-three cases, with 22 deaths, were reported during the week ended February 29. The local authorities state that they will have completed the vaccination of this city by the end of this week.

The present epidemic of smallpox has spread all over the Empire, and the aggregate number of cases is over 20,000.

The cases from the outbreak, about December 1, 1907, up to February 4, 1908, are as follows:

Fu (city) or ken (province).	During 1907.	January 1 to March 4, 1908.	Remarks.
Tokyo-fu	4	789	Reports up to this instant (March 4) show 952 cases in Tokyo, with 789 cases still under treatment, since January 1, 1908.
Kyoto-fu	2	92	
Osaka-fu	14	982	
Kanagawa-ken (includes Yokohama)	14	480	
Hyogo-ken (includes city of Kobe).....	837	4,798	
Nara-ken	3	625	
Miye-ken	3	55	
Aichi-ken (includes city of Nagoya)	23	183	
Gifu-ken	0	43	
Fukui-ken	1	52	
Okayama-ken	1	86	
Hiroshima-ken	4	188	
Yamaguchi	0	36	
Wakayama-ken	71	37	
Tokushima-ken	3	238	
Kagawa-ken	0	159	
Fukushima-ken	2	313	
Ohita-ken	1	50	
Miyazaki-ken	0	44	

In Yokohama to February 29, 371 cases, 111 deaths, and 115 recoveries were reported. No figures are given above for Fukuoka ken, but I am reliably informed that there is now an epidemic on both sides of the Shimonoseki Strait. The great coaling port of Moji in Fukuoka and, opposite, Shimonoseki in Yamaguchi ken, are important from a quarantine standpoint, as they are superseding Nagasaki as coaling ports. Many vessels coal there and take on cargo coal for America or the Philippines. The straits are only a few hundred yards wide at that point.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Kumeric* recommended February 26 for rejection: For Tacoma, 1; advised to wait, 4.

Per steamship *Nippon Maru*, March 3: For Honolulu, 3; advised to wait, 11.

Per steamship *Tango Maru*, March 4: For Seattle, 3; advised to wait, 25.

All of these rejections and detentions were for trachoma.